Investigative Summary

Incident: Deputy Involved Hit Shooting

LASD Report: 012-15843-0641-013

IAB File: SH2324672

Opening Statement

On Friday, November 9, 2012, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators responded to an incident command post, established by Lancaster Station personnel on Yarrow Drive and 10th Street West. Sergeant Sonja Bracken, Sergeant Trent Denison and Lieutenant Patrick Libertone were briefed regarding the circumstances of a Deputy Involved Hit Shooting. Sergeant Sonja Bracken was assigned the responsibility for the administrative review of the incident.

Synopsis

On Friday, November 9, 2012, at approximately 0915 hours, Santa Clarita Station deputies received a call of an "armed bank robbery just occurred" at the Bank of America located at 26811 Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus (Tag #95). Suspect Bowman, later identified as Steven Bowman, displayed a semi-automatic firearm and demanded money from a teller. The teller handed over approximately \$1600 and was able to slip a dye pack between the stack of bills. The dye pack exploded in the bank parking lot as Suspect Bowman escaped in a gray Chevy Suburban. With the assistance of civilian witnesses, deputies located Suspect Bowman in the Chevy Suburban. Deputies became aware that the registration for the Suburban returned to a local address in Agua Dulce. Fearing that Suspect Bowman may drive to that address and possibly barricade himself, Deputies Ethan Marquez, Anthony Hawkins, Yesenia Haupu (Guzman) attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop. Suspect Bowman refused to yield, forcing the deputies to initiate a vehicle pursuit.

The vehicle pursuit went northbound on the 14 freeway, and along the way, Palmdale and Lancaster units deployed three spike strips. The final spike strip effectively punctured the Suburban's front left tire, causing Suspect Bowman to exit the freeway at Avenue H in Lancaster. During the pursuit, Suspect Bowman threw red stained and burnt bank money out of his vehicle. Suspect Bowman eventually drove into a residential neighborhood and became trapped on Desert Springs Drive, a cul-de-sac. Suspect Bowman made a U-turn and stopped his vehicle southbound, facing several patrol cars. Suspect Bowman exited his vehicle and then got back into the vehicle, refusing to comply with commands to surrender. Sergeants Richard Nagler and Daniel Peacock ordered the use of stunbags. Deputies Scott Woods and Devin Freeman fired stunbag rounds breaking the passenger side mirror and front passenger side windows of the Suburban. The stunbag rounds or debris also appeared to have struck Suspect Bowman causing him to flinch.

While sitting in the driver's seat, Suspect Bowman reached down and then raised his arm while pointing a handgun at deputies. Suspect Bowman fired one round through the windshield of the Suburban, striking a patrol car. Fearing for their lives and the lives of their partners, seven Santa Clarita deputies, two Lancaster deputies and two Santa Clarita sergeants returned fire. Suspect Bowman slumped over in the vehicle, and Sergeants Nagler and Peacock ordered deputies to cease fire. Approximately one to two seconds later, Suspect Bowman sat upright and again pointed his firearm at the deputies. Again fearing for their lives, several deputies fired into the Suburban. Suspect Bowman slumped over a second time. A team of deputies approached Suspect Bowman to ascertain his status and to clear the Suburban.

Suspect Bowman sustained 7 gunshots to his head and upper torso. Paramedics pronounced Suspect Bowman deceased at 1024 hours.

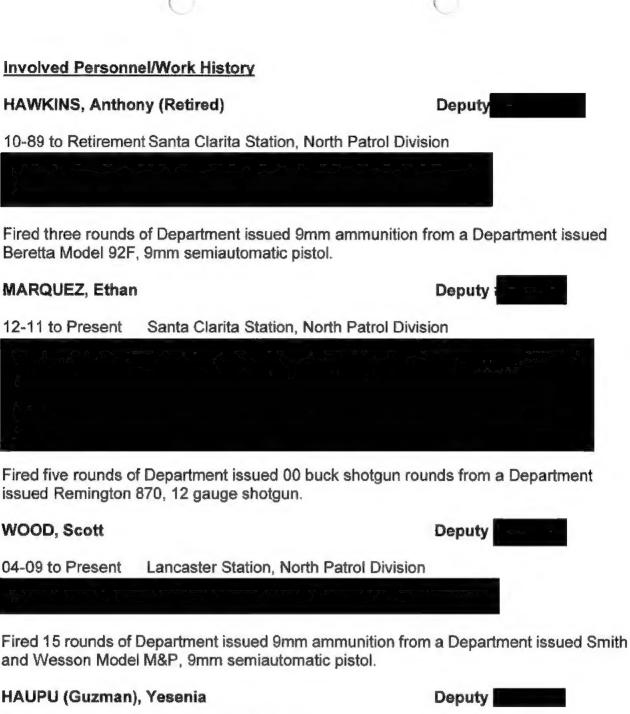
No deputies were injured.

A Kimber model, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered near Suspect Bowman. It was loaded with seven rounds. Four loaded magazines were recovered in Suspect Bowman's rear pants pocket. A SigArms model, GSR Revolution 1911, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered from the center console of the Suburban. The safety was in the "off" position, one round was in the chamber and it was loaded with eight live rounds. A FNH model Five/Seven, 5.7 x 20mm caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered atop the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The pistol's safety was in the "on" position, there was one live round in the chamber, and it was loaded with 20 live rounds. A Benelli model M-4, 12- Gauge shotgun was also recovered inside the cargo area of the vehicle. Additionally, there was a large amount of various types of ammunition located in the vehicle. See Evidence list in **Exhibit A, pages 257-260** and **item #59 on page 292**.

IAB Note: Suspect Bowman had 7 firearms registered to him. See Exhibit A, pages 297-298.

Over 100 expended shell casings, expended shotgun shells and expended stunbag shells were recovered at the scene. See Exhibit A, pages 176-193 and 271-293.

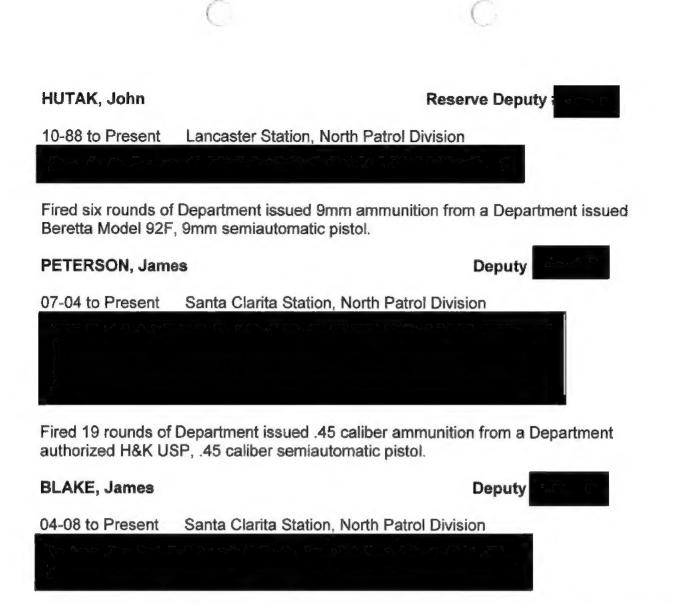
The incident was documented in a Homicide Bureau's case book, **Exhibit A**, a vehicle pursuit packet provided by Santa Clarita Station, **Exhibit B**, and crime scene sketches along with related CD's & DVD's, **Exhibits C & E**.



and Wesson Model M&P, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

05-12 to Present Santa Clarita Station, North Patrol Division

Fired 15 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta Model 92F, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

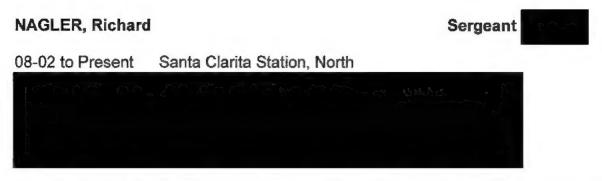


Fired nine rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department authorized Smith and Wesson Model 3913, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

DEEGAN, Michael

12-99 to Present Santa Clarita Station, North Patrol Division

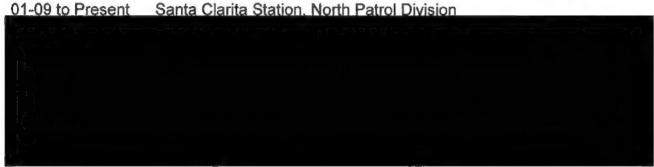
Fired seven rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta Model 92F, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.



Fired 17 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department authorized Beretta Model 92FS S/S, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

PEACOCK, Daniel





Fired 10 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta Model 92F, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

PERRY, Michael



04-03 to Present Santa Clarita Station, North Patrol Division

Fired one round of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta Model 92F, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

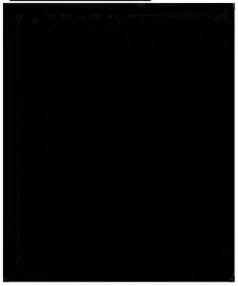
Suspect

Steven A. Bowman MW/05-01-52 Deceased

Sworn Witness

Deputy Devin Freeman (Santa Clarita Station)
Deceased (Unrelated to this incident)

Civilian Witnesses



Injuries

No deputies were injured.

Physical Evidence

All physical evidence was collected and documented by Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For more information, see **Exhibit A, pages 176 thru 294.** Additionally, DVD's and CD's containing crime scene photographs, surveillance videos, and audio recordings are provided with this case; refer to **Exhibits C & E**.

Investigators' Observations

At the time of the IAB investigator's arrival, the crime scene had been preserved.

This incident occurred on the Desert Springs Drive, which is a north/south residential street. Desert Springs Drive is a cul-de-sac, which is bordered by Yarrow Drive to the south. The street is lined along the east and west sides by single family residential homes. For further details, refer to Exhibit A, pages 195-203. Also refer to the crime scene pictures and sketches in Exhibit C.

Investigators noticed a total of 12 marked patrol vehicles parked within the crime scene. There were numerous items of ballistic evidence strewn about the area on the street, on the sidewalks and on the front lawn of residences. Suspect Bowman's vehicle, 2011 grey Chevy Suburban, was stopped in front of Desert Springs Drive facing south. The vehicle had numerous holes in the body and windows, which appeared to have been caused by gunfire. The front driver's side tire of Suspect Bowman's vehicle was also damaged as a result of spike strips. Patrol vehicle #SH1252 was parked facing north and just southwest of Suspect Bowman's vehicle.

Vehicle #SH1252 sustained damage to the windshield and front passenger's side door frame which appeared to be caused by gunfire.

Investigators noticed a silver Kimber .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun on the running board of Suspect Bowman's Suburban.

Property Damage

Suspect Bowman's Chevy Suburban had numerous holes in the body and windows, which appeared to have been caused by gunfire. The front driver's side tire of Suspect Bowman's vehicle was also damage as a result of spike strips.

Patrol vehicle #SH1252 sustained damage to the windshield and front passenger's side door frame, which appeared to be caused by gunfire.

Criminal Investigator

The handling Homicide Detectives were Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson

Lighting and Weather Conditions

This incident occurred during daylight hours. The weather was cloudy and cool.

Involved Employee Statements

Homicide investigators interviewed all involved personnel on the date of this incident. A summary of their interviews may be found in IAB Exhibit A, pages 148-175 of the Homicide Investigation Book. The verbatim transcripts of those interviews are enclosed in this case. This IAB investigator reviewed the audio recordings of those interviews and found that Homicide's summary of each interview is an accurate account of what was said. Per Department protocol, none of the deputies authored a report regarding this incident

IAB Interview of Deputy Anthony Hawkins

Deputy Hawkins was interviewed by IAB investigators on February 28, 2014. The following is a summary of that interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim transcription of the interview.

On the date of thi	is incident,	Deputy Hawkins was Deputy Yesenia Haupu's (now
Guzman) training	officer.	They were in separate patrol cars and Deputy Hawkins was
monitoring her activity.		when the armed robbery call
was broadcasted	. Deputy	Haupu responded to the robbery call as Deputy Hawkins
		Deputy Hawkins monitored the radio as he went to assist on
the robbery call. sight of it.	He heard	Deputy Haupu had located the Chevy Suburban, but then lost

Deputy Hawkins and Deputy Ethan Marquez relocated the vehicle and, with Sergeant Richard Nagler's permission, they attempted a felony traffic stop. Suspect Bowman did not yield and a vehicle pursuit was initiated. Deputy Hawkins allowed Deputy Marquez to broadcast the pursuit via Sheriff's radio. As the pursuit ended up in the cul-de-sac of Desert Springs Drive, Deputy Hawkins thought that they (pursuing deputies) could not let Suspect Bowman out of that area. He thought about blocking or ramming Suspect Bowman's vehicle in the cul-de-sac. He then realized there were other units coming into the cul-de-sac that would block Suspect Bowman's exit. Suspect Bowman stopped his vehicle on the east curb line, facing south.

Deputy Hawkins stopped his vehicle, rooftop 274, ran southward and took position on the west side of Deputy Michael Perry's patrol car, rooftop 185. Deputy Haupu positioned herself next to Deputy Hawkins, and they both had their weapons drawn. Initially, Suspect Bowman exited the Suburban, so Deputy Hawkins' concern was whether Suspect Bowman would try to come around the rear of the Suburban and blindside them. Deputy Hawkins continuously moved from the trunk to the front of Deputy Perry's patrol car to contain and monitor Suspect Bowman's movements. Deputy Hawkins heard several commands for Suspect Bowman to surrender. He also heard Sergeant Nagler order Deputy Scott Woods to shoot out the passenger side windows of Suspect Bowman's vehicle with a stunbag. He then saw Deputy Devin Freeman fire more rounds from an additional stunbag.

As the windows were shattered, Deputy Hawkins clearly saw Suspect Bowman's right shoulder, his back, the back of his head and the right side of his head. It appears Suspect Bowman had been struck by a round from a stunbag, as he was sitting in the driver's seat. Deputy Hawkins could not see anything in Suspect Bowman's hands or anyone else inside the Suburban with Suspect Bowman. Deputy Hawkins saw Suspect Bowman reaching to his right, toward the glove box, but could not see his hands. His thought was Suspect Bowman was reaching for a weapon. Suspect Bowman then began staring through his windshield, straight ahead toward Sergeants Nagler and Daniel Peacock. Within seconds, Suspect Bowman raised a handgun straight up toward the windshield and fired one round. Deputy Hawkins said he heard two "pops," which could have been Suspect Bowman's handgun firing and then the bullet going through the Suburban's windshield. It appeared Suspect Bowman was focused on Sergeants Nagler, Peacock and Deputy James Peterson, who were in front of him. Deputy Hawkins was positioned at the end of Deputy Perry's trunk when he returned fire at Suspect Bowman.

Deputy Hawkins' mindset was Suspect Bowman was firing at his fellow deputies and trying to kill someone, so deadly force was authorized. As Deputy Hawkins fired, his target was the right side of Suspect Bowman's upper body. His backdrop was a cinderblock wall and Suspect Bowman's Suburban. He heard other deputies firing their weapons at Suspect Bowman.

Once the gunfire stopped, Deputy Hawkins saw Suspect Bowman slumped over toward the steering wheel. He lost sight of Suspect Bowman, so Deputy Hawkins thought Suspect Bowman may have slid out of the driver's side door. Deputy Hawkins moved to the front of Deputy Perry's patrol car just in case Suspect Bowman made his way around the rear of the Suburban. As he was in that position Suspect Bowman apparently sat up and there was a second volley of gunfire. Deputy Hawkins did not fire his weapon during the second volley rounds. Deputy Hawkins did not see any civilian pedestrians or vehicular traffic during this incident. Once the sergeants on scene ordered a cease fire, they retrieved a ballistic shield and approached the Suburban to check on Suspect Bowman and clear the vehicle.

After the gunfire, Deputy Hawkins could not remember hearing radio traffic. From the time when Suspect Bowman stopped his vehicle until Suspect Bowman slumped over the final time, Deputy Hawkins estimated the time as approximately two minutes.

Deputy Hawkins utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his locations during the incident. The pictures he used are included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Deputy Ethan Marquez

Deputy Marquez was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014 and April 23, 2014. The following is a summary of those interviews. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions.

On the date of this incident, Deputy Marquez heard radio traffic regarding the armed robbery and began responding. After Deputy Haupu lost sight of Suspect Bowman's vehicle, he and Deputy Hawkins relocated it. Fearing that Suspect Bowman was going to drive to his home nearby, he and Deputy Hawkins attempted a felony traffic stop. Suspect Bowman did not yield, made a U-turn on Darling Road, and drove back past them. Seeing Suspect Bowman's face, Deputy Marquez's mindset was that Suspect Bowman was not going to give up and perceived the situation was not going to be "text-book." Suspect Bowman's face appeared extremely upset and very determined.

Deputy Marquez retrieved his patrol vehicle's shotgun and had it ready on the front passenger seat. They pursued Suspect Bowman onto the 14 freeway into Lancaster, while Deputy Marquez broadcasted the pursuit. As Suspect Bowman came to a stop on Desert Springs Drive, Deputy Marquez grabbed his shotgun and took position at the rear of Deputy Peterson's patrol vehicle, rooftop 252. Deputy Peterson was at the driver's doorjamb of his vehicle. As deputies were giving Suspect Bowman commands, Deputy Marquez opened the passenger side door of the vehicle, SH5252. Suspect Bowman got out of the Suburban and then re-entered it, sitting in the driver's seat. Suspect Bowman was not complying with any instructions.

Deputy Marquez heard one of the sergeants request the deployment of a stunbag. Deputies Woods and Freeman both fired stunbag rounds at the passenger side of the Suburban. As that was occurring, Deputy Marquez repositioned himself on the driver's side of patrol vehicle SD5252 with Deputy Peterson. Suspect Bowman was still seated in the driver's seat as the front passenger window and side mirror were broken by the stunbag rounds. Suddenly, Suspect Bowman raised a handgun above the dashboard and Deputy Marquez heard a gunshot. Deputy Marquez said Suspect Bowman's handgun was pointed at him and Suspect Bowman had shot at him. After Suspect Bowman fired, Deputy Marquez jumped back, tripped, got back to his feet, and took a position at the rear of Deputy Peterson's patrol car. Deputy Marquez could not determine whether his partners had fired, but he fired two shotgun rounds at the windshield of the Suburban. He fired through the "V" area made by the car frame and passenger side door of Deputy Peterson's car. He heard Sergeant Nagler order a cease fire and all personnel stopped firing. It appeared Suspect Bowman's head was hunched over. Within seconds, Suspect Bowman raised his head and appeared to shake his head from left to right. He then raised a handgun above the dashboard a second time and Deputy Marguez fired the remaining three rounds in the shotgun.

Deputy Marquez stopped firing because he was out of shotgun rounds and drew his handgun, but he did not fire it. Deputy Marquez said the second time Suspect Bowman raised the handgun, it appeared to be aimed at Deputy Peterson. Deputy Marquez said he fired his weapon because it was a deadly force situation. He said Suspect Bowman fired at them, and he continued to display actions that he was trying to kill him or his partners. Deputy Marquez's backdrop was the Suburban and a block wall at the end of the cul-de-sac. There were no civilian or other deputies behind the Suburban.

This portion of Deputy Marquez's summary covers a second IAB interview which was brought about by statements made by Sergeant Nagler and Deputy Peterson during their IAB interviews. Also, a You-Tube video was discovered by Sergeant IAB Catrina Khasaempanth, after Deputy Marquez's first interview, which showed different aerial angles of the incident. Deputy Marquez was allowed to view that video during this interview. Refer to **Exhibit E**.

Deputy Marquez said prior to November 9, 2012, he had been During that time, he

He explained the differences in the number of pellets between a double aught buck round and a slug round. During the incident on November 9, 2012, he chose to use the shotgun because, "If you're ever going to get into a gunfight, it is always better to have a superior weapon." He felt, based on his knowledge of the shotgun, he would have a better opportunity to hit his target and incapacitate the suspect.

Deputy Marquez was able to compose himself, and return fire, after falling to the ground when Suspect Bowman fired his handgun. He was cognizant of Sergeant Nagler's position through the entire incident. He said based on the distance and the angle he had when he fired, he perceived he had more than enough space to safely return fire. Deputy Marquez said Sergeant Nagler would have had, "to do some crazy jump in order to get in my line of fire. I mean it would have to be like a Matrix kind of jump." Deputy Marguez said he was confident that he was tactically sound to fire from the trunk area. He would not have positioned himself there if it was unsafe or putting anyone else in danger. Once he fired the shotgun from the trunk of Deputy Peterson's car, he recalled Sergeant Nagler looking back at him and saying "Cease fire." He perceived that Sergeant Nagler was addressing all personnel. On page 19 of the second IAB interview transcript, Deputy Marquez told IAB investigators that after the incident, no one spoke to him about the position he fired from. He said if Sergeant Nagler had any issues, he was the kind of person who would have come to him to address them. On page 20 of the same transcript, during a conversation that took place after the incident, he explained to Sergeant Nagler that Suspect Bowman had brought his handgun back up and that is why he fired again. He said Sergeant Nagler told him "Yeah, I know. It's okay." Deputy Marquez could not recall where and when that conversation took place.

IAB Note: During Sergeant Nagler's IAB interview, he told investigators that during the incident, he told Deputy Marquez to "knock it off." He was concerned with Deputy Marquez firing the shotgun from behind him. Refer to pages 16-18 of Sergeant Nagler's IAB transcript for further details.

He apologized for reloading his shotgun immediately after the shooting and said he did it out of habit. When asked if there was anything that he would have done differently, Deputy Marquez said he would have not fallen down on national television.

Deputy Marquez utilized crime scene pictures to indicate his locations during the incident. The pictures he used are included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Deputy Scott Woods

Deputy Woods was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Deputy Woods heard the armed robbery call broadcasted via Sheriff's radio. He was not involved in the pursuit of Suspect Bowman. He became involved in the incident after Suspect Bowman exited the 14 freeway at Avenue H. He responded from Lancaster Station and by the time he arrived, Suspect Bowman's vehicle and deputy personnel had come to a stop in the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive. He initially parked his patrol car back behind the incident on Yarrow Drive.

Deputy Woods heard someone yell for a stunbag, so he went back to his patrol vehicle, rooftop 779, retrieved his stunbag and repositioned his vehicle behind Deputy Marquez's Expedition, rooftop 889 (Refer to Exhibit C). A sergeant instructed him to port Suspect Bowman vehicle's front passenger window. He fired the stunbag once from near the front of the sergeant's Tahoe, then fired a second stunbag from near the nose of Deputy Peterson's car, rooftop 252. Both rounds appeared to hit his intended target, as both windows shattered. Deputy Woods had previously used the same stunbag on an earlier search warrant, so he ran out of rounds. He went back to the sergeant's Tahoe to look for more less-lethal options. As he was at the back of the Tahoe, Deputy Woods heard one or two rounds, then a volley of gunfire afterward. He did not know what was occurring, so he ducked down behind the Tahoe. He drew his weapon and came around to the passenger's side of the Tahoe as the shooting stopped. As he approached the front passenger door of the Tahoe, he saw Suspect Bowman raise a silver handgun. Deputy Woods sidestepped to the right, away from the Tahoe, and fired his weapon at Suspect Bowman. Deputy Woods said it appeared Suspect Bowman was aiming at him and two partners who were near him.

Deputy Woods thought Suspect Bowman was going to kill someone, and that is why he fired his weapon. His target was Suspect Bowman's upper body. His backdrop was a cinderblock wall behind Suspect Bowman's vehicle. He believed he fired approximately 15 or 16 consecutive times. He said was aware that rounds have a problem going through glass and he wanted to make sure his rounds were penetrating through to Suspect Bowman. His intention was to stop the threat toward him and his partners. Afterward, he put on his tactical entry gear and approached Suspect Bowman's vehicle with the sergeants. Deputy Woods was not aware of anyone else firing a stunbag during the incident. He learned of a second stunbag being fired after the incident. Deputy Woods estimated the time from when he arrived on scene until the end of the second volley of rounds to be one to three minutes.

Deputy Woods utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his locations during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Yesenia Haupu (Guzman)

Deputy Haupu was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

with Deputy Hawkins when the armed robbery call was broadcasted. She left Deputy Hawkins and began looking for Suspect Bowman's vehicle. She located Suspect Bowman's vehicle, but lost sight of it by the time she was able to make a U-turn to get behind the vehicle. Deputy Marquez relocated Suspect Bowman's vehicle. She was able to catch up to Deputies Marquez and Hawkins who had initiated a pursuit of Suspect Bowman's vehicle.

Deputy Haupu was the second patrol car in the pursuit behind Deputy Hawkins. Once on the 14 freeway, she saw Suspect Bowman's vehicle avoid spike strip attempts until one spike strip finally punctured his front left tire. Once Suspect Bowman's vehicle carne to a stop on Desert Springs Drive, Deputy Haupu instructed the ride-along, Witness to remain inside her patrol car and to duck down below the dashboard for protection. Deputy Haupu took a position at the side trunk area of Deputy Perry's car, rooftop 185, along with Deputy Hawkins. She saw Deputy Perry take cover behind a group of mailboxes near his patrol car. She heard several commands being given to Suspect Bowman, but he did not comply with them. Suspect Bowman got back into the Suburban. She heard a request for the deployment of a stunbag. She saw Deputy Woods fire a stunbag into the right front passenger window of Suspect Bowman's vehicle. She could not recall how many times Deputy Woods fired the stunbag, nor could she recall the name of the other deputy who also fired a stunbag.

After the stunbag rounds were fired, Deputy Haupu saw the suspect raise a handgun and point it at the deputies who were directly in front of him. Fearing for the safety of her partners, she fired her handgun at Suspect Bowman. She did not recall how many times she fired. She recalled seeing Deputy Hawkins slightly to her right side and also firing his weapon at Suspect Bowman. She heard Sergeant Nagler yell, "Cease fire" and she stopped firing to reassess. Within seconds, she saw Suspect Bowman lean his body upward, while still seated in the driver's seat. She could not recall if she saw Suspect Bowman's handgun at this point, but fearing he was still a threat, she fired at him again. After Suspect Bowman slumped over in the vehicle, she saw deputies approach with a ballistic shield to assess Suspect Bowman's status.

Each time she fired her weapon, her target was the right side of his body. Her backdrop was a garage across the street (to the east) and the driver's side of Suspect Bowman's vehicle.

She did not remember any communication between herself and Deputy Hawkins during the incident.

Deputy Haupu utilized a crime scene picture to indicate her location during the incident. The picture she used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Reserve Deputy John Hutak

Deputy Hutak was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Deputy Hutak is a Level 1 Reserve Deputy, which is the highest level and means he can perform the same duties as a regular full time deputy. Deputy Hutak is part of the Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Team at Lancaster Station.

Via Sheriff's radio, Deputy Hutak heard the armed robbery call broadcasted, which led to a vehicle pursuit by Santa Clarita deputies. With the pursuit heading northbound on the 14 freeway, and due to his over 30 years of experience, Deputy Hutak anticipated that the pursuit may end up in the Antelope Valley desert area. He picked up the Lancaster Station's Hummer H2, off-road patrol vehicle, and began paralleling the pursuit northbound on Sierra Highway. As the pursuit winded into the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive, he followed Santa Clarita units into the cul-de-sac. He initially parked behind the sergeant's Tahoe, along the east curb line. Suspect Bowman exited his vehicle and Deputy Hutak could see him staring over to his (Suspect Bowman's) left side. Deputy Hutak believed Suspect Bowman was going to get back into the Suburban and attempt to drive over the east curb and lawns, to escape. Not wanting an armed suspect to escape into the neighborhood, Deputy Hutak moved the Hummer onto the lawn of He then took a position at the right front fender of the Hummer, using the engine block as cover. Another deputy, later identified as Deputy Deegan, took position next to him at the engine block.

Deputy Hutak heard several commands given to Suspect Bowman both via a public announcement speaker and without. Suspect Bowman did not comply with instructions and got back into the driver's seat of the Suburban. Deputy Hutak did not hear any request for less-lethal weapons, but he saw a stunbag round being fired from the middle of the street. He saw the round strike the windshield of Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Within ten seconds of the stunbag round striking his vehicle, Suspect Bowman raised a handgun and fired straight ahead, through the windshield of the Suburban. Deputy Hutak did not return fire at that point, because Suspect Bowman appeared to have fired down the street. He was not aware if Deputy Deegan fired his weapon. Deputy Hutak heard someone yell, "Hold your fire!" Suspect Bowman then raised his handgun a second time and pointed it toward Deputy Hutak's direction. Fearing for his own safety, Deputy Hutak fired six times from his handgun at the suspect.

Suspect Bowman slumped over and no longer appeared to be a threat, which is why Deputy Hutak stopped firing his handgun. Deputy Hutak conducted a tactical reload and waited for instructions to approach Suspect Bowman's vehicle. During the shooting, Deputy Hutak's line of fire was through the windshield or through the driver's side window, as the suspect was seated inside the vehicle. Being that he was on a slight incline above Suspect Bowman, Deputy Hutak said he was shooting in a downward trajectory at Suspect Bowman. Deputy Hutak's intention was to stop the threat posed by Suspect Bowman.

IAB Note: According to the You-Tube video, Deputy Hutak's backdrop was the cinderblock wall at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Deputy Hutak utilized crime scene pictures to indicate his locations, during the incident. The pictures he used are included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Deputy James Peterson

Deputy Peterson was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Deputy Peterson was working in the Castaic area when he heard the armed robbery call broadcasted. As he was heading to the Saugus area, he heard that another unit had located Suspect Bowman's vehicle in the Bouquet Canyon area. By the time he caught up to the other patrol units, they were already in pursuit of Suspect Bowman's vehicle on the 14 freeway. Deputy Peterson believed he was the fourth patrol vehicle during the pursuit. He saw the spike strip attempts and the final spike strip, which disabled Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Suspect Bowman exited the freeway and ended up on the cul-de-sac of Desert Springs Drive. Deputy Peterson parked his patrol car, rooftop 252, to left of the sergeant's Tahoe. He exited his patrol car with his handgun drawn and positioned himself in his driver's side doorjamb. He gave Suspect Bowman several commands to comply both aloud and via the public announcement speaker of his vehicle. Suspect Bowman had a blank stare and did not comply with orders. Deputy Peterson and Sergeant Nagler were communicating over the top of his (Peterson's) vehicle. Sergeant Nagler told Deputy Peterson to stop giving commands, while he (Nagler) attempted to communicate with Suspect Bowman.

Deputy Marquez arrived and temporarily took position inside the driver's side doorjamb with Deputy Peterson. Deputy Peterson saw Deputy Freeman position himself at mailboxes on the west curb line and fire several rounds from a stunbag. Deputy Peterson was not aware of any other deputy firing a stunbag. Once Deputy Freeman's third or fourth stunbag round struck Suspect Bowman's passenger side window. Suspect Bowman raised a handgun over the windshield and fired. Deputy Peterson saw Deputy Marquez fall backward when Suspect Bowman fired his handgun. The round fired by Suspect Bowman struck the passenger's side upper windshield area of Deputy Peterson's patrol car. Fearing for his safety, Deputy Peterson returned fire. Deputy Peterson said he was assessing each shot he fired, and he felt the incident was moving in slow motion. As he shot, Suspect Bowman was not moving, so he was unsure if his rounds were striking him through the windshield. He heard Sergeant Nagler yell, "Cease fire!" Deputy Peterson ducked down behind his patrol car and reloaded his handgun. Once he stood back up, he saw Suspect Bowman raise his handgun a second time. Deputy Peterson then fired several more rounds at Suspect Bowman. He stopped firing at Suspect Bowman once he saw him fall over. Deputy Peterson assisted with approaching and clearing Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Deputy Peterson said his target was center mass on Suspect Bowman. His backdrop was a red mini-van, which was parked in a driveway to the east of Suspect Bowman's vehicle. During the shooting, Deputy Peterson was concerned about one deputy who was shooting from behind them. The IAB investigators mistakenly did not ask Deputy Peterson who that deputy was, but based on further investigation, that deputy appeared to be Deputy Marguez.

Deputy Peterson utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Deputy James Blake

Deputy Blake was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

At the time of this incident, Deputy Blake was the Operations Deputy at Santa Clarita. He heard the armed robbery call broadcasted via the station's intercom radio in his office. He grabbed his green tactical vest, went out to the station parking lot to find a patrol car and located vehicle SD7055. As he was driving out of the lot, he picked up Detective Deegan and they headed towards the Bank of America in Saugus. As they were en route, Deputy Marquez located Suspect Bowman's vehicle on Bouquet Canyon Road, so they drove to his location. They caught up to Deputy Marguez and the other units just after they attempted a felony traffic stop on Suspect Bowman's vehicle. As a vehicle pursuit was initiated, he and Detective Deegan were the fifth or sixth patrol car, in front of Sergeant Nagler's Tahoe. As the pursuit came to an end on Desert Springs Drive, he and Detective Deegan exited the patrol car. Deputy Blake went to the passenger side doorjamb of the Tahoe, positioned himself to the right of Sergeant Peacock, and drew his weapon. Deputy Blake could see Suspect Bowman standing outside of the Suburban, facing them and not complying with commands. He heard Suspect Bowman asked them, "What do you want me to do?" The suspect still did not comply with their orders to surrender. He then heard a sergeant request a stunbag. He believed he saw Deputy Freeman fire stunbag rounds at Suspect Bowman's vehicle windows as Suspect Bowman was sitting in the driver's seat. A couple of rounds broke the passenger side mirror and window, and it appeared a couple of those rounds struck Suspect Bowman. Deputy Blake was not aware if any other deputy fired a less-lethal weapon.

Deputy Blake saw Suspect Bowman lean forward, and then raise his right hand over the dashboard of the Suburban. It appeared Suspect Bowman drew a handgun from his left side, with his right hand, and came across his body to the right, pointing the handgun at all of them. Suspect Bowman fired one round toward Deputy Peterson's direction. Fearing for his life, as well as the lives of his partners, Deputy Blake returned fire with his handgun. He stopped firing because Suspect Bowman stopped moving and he heard someone call for a cease fire. While conducting a tactical reload, he experienced a malfunction. He ducked behind the Tahoe's passenger door and cleared the malfunction. Once he stood back up, he saw Suspect Bowman raise his handgun over the dashboard a second time. It appeared Suspect Bowman's handgun was pointing at him, so Deputy Blake fired more rounds at Suspect Bowman. Deputy Blake stopped firing once Suspect Bowman appeared incapacitated. Afterward, Deputy Blake assisted with clearing Suspect Bowman's vehicle and checking Suspect Bowman's status.

During both volleys of rounds, Deputy Blake's target was Suspect Bowman's head and upper body. He was approximately ten feet away from Suspect Bowman, which allowed him to see the whites of Suspect Bowman's eyes. Deputy Blake's' backdrop was the cinderblock wall at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Deputy Blake utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Detective Michael Deegan

Detective Deegan was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Detective Deegan was at his desk when he heard the armed robbery call broadcasted via Sheriff's radio. He grabbed his gear and responded with Deputy Blake. He essentially gave the same account of the events as Deputy Blake, leading up to when they finally came to a stop on Desert Springs Drive Once Detective Deegan exited the patrol car he initially took position on the passenger side of patrol car, rooftop 564. Detective Deegan saw that Suspect Bowman was not complying with deputies' commands. Suspect Bowman got back into the Suburban and closed the door. Detective Deegan then moved to the passenger side of the Hummer, once Deputy Hutak moved it onto the lawn at the suburban and Deputy Hutak used the Hummer's engine block for cover. Once inside the Suburban, Suspect Bowman was reaching around inside the vehicle. Detective Deegan heard a request for a stunbag, but did not see who fired a stunbag. He saw stunbag rounds impacting the Suburban and some rounds appeared to have struck Suspect Bowman. Suspect Bowman raised a handgun and fired through the windshield of the Suburban. It appeared Suspect Bowman was firing toward the passenger side of his vehicle and toward Deputy Peterson's patrol car, rooftop 252.

Fearing for his partners' safety, Detective Deegan fired his handgun at Suspect Bowman. Suspect Bowman went down out of his view, so Detective Deegan stopped firing. Suspect Bowman then raised his handgun toward Deputy Peterson's area a second time and Detective Deegan fired more rounds at him. Suspect Bowman slumped down in the Suburban, then Detective Deegan stopped firing his weapon. Both times he fired, Detective Deegan's line of fire was through the Suburban's windshield at Suspect Bowman, to stop the threat he posed to his partners. Detective Deegan's backdrop was a residence on the west side of the street. He did not see any pedestrian or vehicular traffic during the incident. Detective Deegan said it was a matter of seconds between the stunbag rounds being fired to the first of volley of rounds. He estimated the time between the first volley and second volley of rounds to be between ten to twenty seconds. Detective Deegan did not assist with clearing Suspect Bowman's vehicle.

Detective Deegan utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Sergeant Richard Nagler

Sergeant Nagler was interviewed by IAB investigators on March 20, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Sergeant Nagler heard the armed robbery call broadcasted via Sheriff's radio. As he was responding, he heard Deputy Haupu had located Suspect Bowman's vehicle on Bouquet Canyon and then lost sight of it. Sergeant Nagler began coordinating units to search certain areas to try and locate Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Deputy Marquez relocated the vehicle and requested permission to conduct a traffic stop prior to Suspect Bowman getting back to his home in Agua Dulce. Being aware that assisting units were within seconds of him, Sergeant Nagler gave him permission via radio. Suspect Bowman's did not stop for patrol units and a pursuit was initiated. Sergeant Nagler was able to join the pursuit on the northbound 14 freeway. Sergeant Nagler moved to a position where he had six patrol cars ahead of him. Via radio, Sergeant Nagler instructed remaining Santa Clarita units who were on the freeway behind him to return to their patrol areas. Lancaster and Palmdale units were radio patched into the pursuit. He also advised his watch commander, Lieutenant Marcus Hershey, to notify other nearby stations to assist in the Santa Clarita area.

While on the 14 freeway, Suspect Bowman avoided two spike strips attempts, but his vehicle was eventually disabled by a third spike strip. Suspect Bowman exited the freeway and stopped in the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive. Suspect Bowman stopped his vehicle, facing southbound, while Sergeant Nagler stopped his Tahoe facing northbound in front of him. Deputy Peterson stopped his patrol vehicle immediately west of the Tahoe. All personnel exited their patrol cars with their weapons drawn. Sergeant Nagler was aware of where Deputies Hawkins, Haupu, Marquez and Peterson were positioned. Suspect Bowman exited the Suburban, then got back into the driver's seat and closed the door. He was not complying with commands to surrender.

Sergeant Peacock arrived and took position in the doorjamb of the Tahoe. He and Sergeant Peacock discussed the deployment of less-lethal. His thought was to use the stunbag to possibly coax Suspect Bowman out of the vehicle and to maintain an open window for communication. Sergeant Nagler yelled for a stunbag. Deputy Freeman arrived and fired a stunbag several times, breaking out the passenger side window of the Suburban. It appeared a stunbag round may have struck Suspect Bowman. Suspect Bowman then raised a handgun over the dashboard and fired. It appeared Suspect Bowman pointed his weapon toward Deputy Peterson. Fearing for Deputy Peterson's safety, Sergeant Nagler returned fire. Once Suspect Bowman appeared to slump over, Sergeant Nagler ordered a cease fire. All personnel stopped firing their weapons. Within a few seconds, Suspect Bowman sat up and raised his handgun a second time. There was a second volley of rounds from deputy personnel.

Suspect Bowman slumped over onto the driver's door and Sergeant Nagler again ordered a cease fire. All personnel stopped firing. Sergeant Nagler assisted with clearing Suspect Bowman vehicle and checking Suspect Bowman's status. During both volleys of rounds, Sergeant Nagler's target was Suspect Bowman's upper body and head. His intention was to kill Suspect Bowman. Sergeant Nagler's backdrop was the cinderblock wall at the end of the cul-de-sac. Sergeant Nagler said there did not appear to be any crossfire issues with the personnel who were positioned to the northwest and east side of him. However, he was concerned with Deputy Marquez firing a shotgun behind him. He did not address the issue with Deputy Marquez after the incident. He said knew the issue would be dealt with later, so there was no need to address it right then and there.

Sergeant Nagler utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Sergeant Daniel Peacock

Sergeant Peacock was interviewed by IAB investigators on April 3, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Sergeant Peacock in the Castaic area, when he heard the armed robbery radio traffic. As he was responding to the Saugus area, he heard Deputy Marquez and another unit attempt to conduct a felony traffic stop on Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Sergeant Peacock continued to monitor the radio as he caught up to the pursuit on the 14 freeway. He wanted to assist Sergeant Nagler, so he paralleled him during the pursuit on the freeway. The pursuit ended in the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive. Sergeant Peacock stopped his vehicle, rooftop 564, behind Sergeant Nagler's Tahoe. Sergeant Peacock exited his patrol car and took position in the passenger's side doorjamb the Tahoe. At his position, Suspect Bowman was approximately 15 to 20 feet in front of him.

Sergeant Peacock essentially gave the same statements as Sergeant Nagler regarding attempting to communicate with Suspect Bowman, Suspect Bowman's actions, and their discussion about deploying a stunbag. Sergeant Peacock saw Deputy Freeman and another deputy, later identified as Deputy Woods, fire several stunbag rounds at the passenger side of the Suburban. It appeared a stunbag round penetrated the passenger side window and struck Suspect Bowman. Within seconds, Suspect Bowman raised a handgun over the steering wheel. It appeared Suspect Bowman's weapon was pointed at him, Sergeant Nagler, or the Tahoe. Suspect Bowman fired one round. Fearing for his safety, as his partners' safety, Sergeant Peacock returned fire. Suspect Bowman leaned against the driver's door and appeared to be injured. Both he and Sergeant Nagler yelled, "Cease fire." All personnel stopped firing their weapons. Within seconds, Suspect Bowman sat up, raised his handgun over the steering wheel, and pointed it at them a second time.

Fearing for everyone's safety, Sergeant Peacock again fired his handgun at Suspect Bowman. During both volleys of rounds, Sergeant Peacock's target was Suspect Bowman's upper body and head, through the windshield of the Suburban. His backdrop was the cinderblock wall at the end of the cul-de-sac. Sergeant Peacock did not see any civilians outside during the incident. He also did not see any crossfire issues with the involved personnel. He learned of Deputy Marquez's tactics and location from where he shot a shotgun sometime after he was interviewed by Homicide detectives. Sergeant Peacock said had he known of Deputy Marquez's actions, immediately after the shooting he would have addressed the issue with him.

Sergeant Peacock utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Interview of Deputy Michael Perry

Deputy Perry was interviewed by IAB investigators on April 15, 2014. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

On the date of this incident, Deputy Perry was assigned as a School Resource Deputy at Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita. When the robbery call was broadcasted, he was at Santa Clarita Station. He heard that Suspect Bowman was possibly heading toward Agua Dulce, so he headed that way. By the time he caught up to the patrol units, who had located Suspect Bowman's vehicle, they had just attempted a felony traffic stop. Suspect Bowman's vehicle did not stop, made a U-turn, and drove back past Deputy Perry's vehicle, rooftop 185. Once assisting units were able to turn around, he ended up being the third patrol car in the pursuit. Once the pursuit was on the 14 freeway, Deputy Perry saw the spike strip attempts and then the final one which punctured the front left tire of Suspect Bowman's vehicle.

Suspect Bowman's vehicle exited the 14 freeway and proceeded northbound in the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive. Suspect Bowman made a U-turn, proceeding southbound, heading toward Deputy Perry. Deputy Perry saw he was head to head with Suspect Bowman's vehicle and veered to the left to avoid a collision. Suspect Bowman's vehicle came to a stop as other patrol vehicles blocked his path. Deputy Perry exited his patrol car and took a cover position at a group of mailboxes near his vehicle. He saw Deputies Hawkins and Haupu take a position at the rear of his vehicle. Deputy Perry saw Suspect Bowman exit the Suburban and walk around on the drivers' side. Deputy Perry heard Sergeant Nagler give several commands for Suspect Bowman to surrender. Suspect Bowman did not comply with the commands and got back into the Suburban. Once Suspect Bowman re-entered the Suburban and began reaching around inside the vehicle, Deputy Perry thought "this was not good."

Deputy Perry heard a request for a stunbag to be deployed. Deputy Freeman was positioned at the mailboxes with Deputy Perry. Deputy Perry provided cover for Deputy Freeman as he fired four stunbag rounds at the front passenger windows of Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Deputy Perry saw the front passenger window break and it appeared Suspect Bowman was struck by a stunbag round. Suspect Bowman then raised a silver handgun and fired one round through the windshield of the Suburban. Deputy Perry said it appeared Suspect Bowman was firing at Sergeant Nagler. Fearing for Sergeant Nagler's safety, Deputy Perry fired one round from his handgun. In his peripheral vision, Deputy Perry saw a deputy, later identified as Deputy Marquez, go down to the ground. Deputy Perry thought Deputy Marquez had been struck by gunfire and started to go to his aid. Deputy Marquez was able to get to his feet on his own and go around behind Deputy Peterson's patrol car, rooftop 252. Deputy Perry no longer saw Deputy Marquez's position. Once Deputy Perry realized Deputy Marquez was okay, he returned to his position at the mailboxes. Deputy Perry heard Sergeant Nagler vell, "Cease fire cease fire!" and saw him making cutting motion at his neck, with his right hand. Seconds later, as he was still at the mailboxes, he heard more gunfire. Deputy Perry did not fire during the second volley of rounds because he did not have a clear view of Suspect Bowman. Other deputies approached Suspect Bowman's vehicle to check Suspect Bowman's status.

Deputy Perry said Deputy Freeman did not fire his handgun during the incident. Deputy Perry said during the shooting his target was the right side of Suspect Bowman's head and shoulder. He said his backdrop was trees and a garage which had a red vehicle in the driveway, later identified as Desert Springs Drive. He saw no pedestrian or vehicular traffic during the incident.

Deputy Perry utilized a crime scene picture to indicate his location during the incident. The picture he used is included in **Exhibit D**.

IAB Note: All personnel interview by IAB felt that Suspect Bowman gave them no other options but to use deadly force.

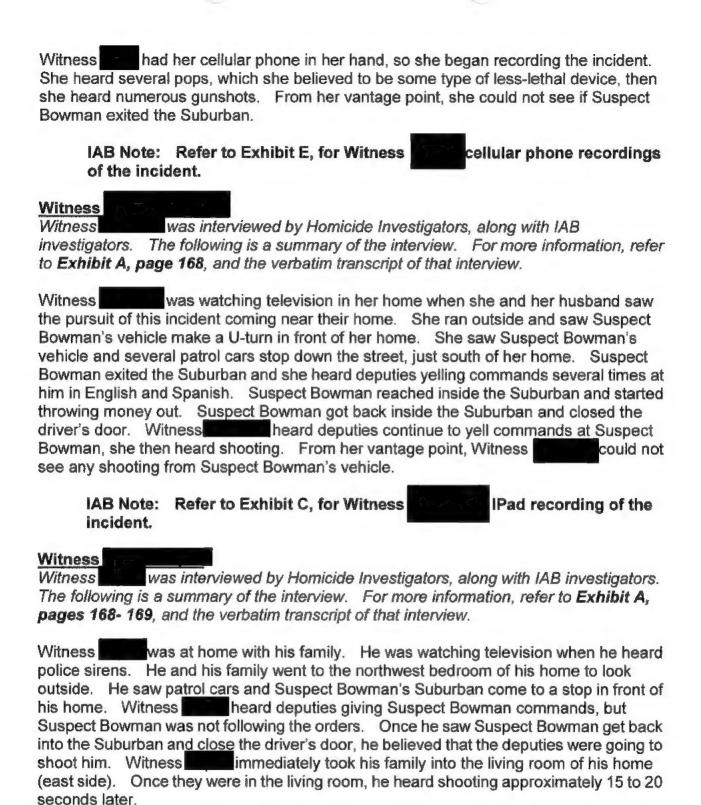
IAB Note: A Department aero unit was delayed and did not arrive on scene until after the shooting had occurred.

Sworn Witness Statement

IAB Note: Deputy Devin Freeman was interviewed by Homicide investigators on November 9, 2012. Shortly after this incident Deputy Devin Freeman passed away, due to an illness unrelated to this incident. His interview was already summarized in Homicide's case book. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcription.

Civilian Witnesses Statements

Witness was interviewed by Homicide Investigators, along with IAB investigators. The following is a brief summary of the interview. For more information, refer to Exhibit A, page 152, and the verbatim transcript of that interview.
Witness was a ride-along on the morning of this incident. While he was in Deputy Hawkins' patrol vehicle Deputy Haupu came to came to assist. When the robbery call came out, Witness decided he want to go to the call with Deputy Haupu. Deputy Haupu located Suspect Bowman's vehicle and then lost sight of it. An assisting unit relocated Suspect Bowman's vehicle and Deputy Haupu followed behind that unit. Deputy Haupu was the second patrol vehicle in pursuit of Suspect Bowman's vehicle. Witness said the speeds of the pursuit varied from 70 to 85 MPH, while on the 14 freeway. Witness saw the spike strip attempts, and also when Suspect Bowman's vehicle hit a final spike strip.
Suspect Bowman's vehicle exited the freeway and ended up a the cul-de-sac on Desert Springs Drive. Deputy Haupu exited her patrol car, along with several other deputies. Witness heard, via the Sheriff's radio, Suspect Bowman had a handgun, so he remained inside Deputy Haupu's patrol car. Witness leaned back in the front passenger seat so that he was protected by the dashboard and engine area of the vehicle. Witness saw Suspect Bowman exit the Suburban and then get back inside. He heard various commands by the deputies, but could not recall specifically what was said. After a few minutes, Witness heard one or two shots, then numerous shots immediately afterward. Due to having ducked down in the patrol car, he could not tell who was firing weapons. He also could not see Deputy Haupu's position during the incident.
IAB Note: During Deputy Haupu's IAB interview, page 7 of the transcript, she thought that her ride-along, and a second and have recorded the incident. Per Homicide detectives and the did not have any video.
Witness was interviewed by Homicide Investigators, along with IAB investigators. The following is a summary of the interview. For more information, refer to Exhibit A, pages 167- 168, and the verbatim transcript of that interview.
Witness was at her living room window and saw Suspect Bowman's vehicle drive down her street. The vehicle made a U-turn and hit the curb. She saw two patrol cars stop at her driveway. She saw Suspect Bowman's vehicle come to a stop, then several deputies with their handguns drawn and yelling commands at Suspect Bowman.



Suspect Statements

None - Suspect deceased.

IAB Note: Major Crimes Bureau (MCB) with the assistance the Special Enforcement Bureau's (SEB), Blue Team, served a search warrant at Suspect Bowman's residence at There were several additional rifles, shotguns and handguns, as well as ammunition, located throughout the home. Refer to Exhibit A, pages 44, 64-72 and the Operations Plan, Exhibit A, pages 79-87.

Additionally, according to the toxicology report, Exhibit A, page 360, there were no alcohol or drugs detected in Suspect Bowman's body.

Additional Information

According to documents gathered by Homicide investigators, **Exhibit A, pages 95-113**, and a National Comprehensive Report generated by Homicide investigators, **Exhibit A, pages 306-316**, Suspect Bowman's wife died in 2011. He experienced a foreclosure on his home in and he filed for bankruptcy in 2012.

On November 9, 2012, Homicide Investigators notified Suspect Bowman's next of kin, at Suspect Bowman's residence. had medical issues. He also confirmed that his mother had died within the past year and his father had been having financial problems. had no criminal history and was surprised by his actions. Refer to Exhibit A, page 165.